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THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME "YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME"

Our Children are Going Astray

"Train Up a Child In the Way He Should Go: And When He Is Old, He Will Not Depart From It."

Carl M. Padgett

I hear a wall going up from the hearts of burdened fathers and mothers saying, "What shall I do? our children are going astray."

I know a man who is a friend to the Church of God but he has had trouble in his home, part of his children had to be sent to the reformatory school. I know a precious sister who is a member of the Church of God, but her children are unruly, she has no control over them. I know a preacher of the Church of God, a good man but his children also were unruly. One daughter in this home was called to preach and she was a promising young woman, capable of doing great good in the work of the Lord, but she like Jeshurun. (Deut. 32:15), rebelled against the Lord and disobeyed God for the sake of marrying.

Now much of this could be prevented, for it is a fact that fathers and mothers sit back and placidly fold their hands while they see their children going with the world, and content themselves as though it was a matter of fact. See that mother as she proudly looks upon her son; he has just come from his room dressed in his best, a well built young man he is, he seems to look the world in the face and fears nothing; yes the future is before him with all its possibilities, but what is he going to do with them? Perhaps several years ago he had salvation, but when he went to school they teased him until he lost it and now the mother's heart swells with pride as she watches her son go out of the gate with a crowd of worldly people to do things they would not have mother know. Father and mother goes to church to serve the Lord, but there is a mingled degree of sadness and gladness and too much placidness and contentment.

Yes, I know that there is a place of rest or trust in God. There remaineth a rest for the people of God but there is no such thing as rest without toil. There is an ease but not rest. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion. Seven days labor and then rest, God did not rest, until He first labored. First the day's toil and then rest.

The pain or anguish then the joy of rest; first, do what you can and then rest. Jacob first did what he could even to strategy then a night of wrestling, and then when he met his brother he had rest. Who knows the sweetness of rest, but those who have toiled?

Even the word rest falls with soothing sweetness upon the ear.

Perhaps you pray that God would save your children and yet your restraining hand is so feebly laid upon their shoulders until they can hardly feel it.

Can we say that this is a matter to be neglected? Talking, complaining and wishing alone does not bring things to pass.

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Calling For Help —Minister Wanted

LIVE OAK, Fla.—I want to praise God for letting me live until another Christmas day, and I do hope that God did bless everyone that was looking to Him on that day, I feel that I am the least of God's children but I have something to be thankful for just the same. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am earnestly praying that God will put it on some one's heart to come to this place and hold a meeting for us. There is only two of us here that have the Holy Ghost but many are looking this way. There are many hard hearts here, but I know God has power over all, and if He can save my soul and yours, He can save others too. I can assure you that if any one comes you will be cared for.—Mrs. Hatcher Halmouth.

Revival in W. Va. 30 Receive Holy Ghost

LOGAN, W. Va.—We began a revival meeting Dec. 7, with the pastor in charge. For one week the Word was sent forth to sinners on the subject of hell and judgment: conviction seized sinners and backsliders until the altar was full. Seventeen were saved and reclaimed, some sanctified and nine baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Being tired and worn out we asked Bro. L. G. Rouse to come and for two weeks more the Word of God was sent forth and there were about twenty more saved, reclaimed and sanctified while about twenty more received the Holy Ghost, making the entire number, about 37 saved, and about 30 received the Holy Ghost.

Many that we mention in this number were backsliders, but several had never been saved before.

Sinners were under conviction when we left and the saints were very much revived and built up.

Several will be baptized in water later and several came into the church. One Baptist preacher was sanctified and Bro. Rouse's mother received the Holy Ghost after tarrying for six years.

We expect to recover all the ground from the enemy this year, and to see God work in this field in a great way this year.

We feel like pushing the battle for God, and do our best. Time is short and as we see the banner of God's church waving full length in the air and towering over the mountains it inspires our hearts to go forward, may God bless you all.

Pray that my companion may be healed.—E. C. Clark.

Called to the Gospel Work.

IMBODEN, Ark.—I am praising God for a full and free salvation that redeems from all sin. I have been in this way for two years and am not tired yet, but the way grows brighter all the time. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I feel that the Lord has called me to go in the gospel work; pray for me that I will let the Lord have His way with me.—Miss Zilla Abec.

Pentecostal Experience

This Wonderful Blessing Experienced by the Apostles and Early Church Is Promised to You and to Your Children and to All That Are Afar Off.

Jno. C. Jernigan

Pentecostal experience means an experience like unto the one that was received on the day of Pentecost, immediately after the ascension of the Lord, by the holy apostles and the virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus and many others, while they gathered in an upper room at Jerusalem and was visited by that mighty rush of power and were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. And it is the author's intention in this article to fully explain in a brief way from a Bible standpoint that this experience was not limited to the apostles or the early church only, but is also handed down to us as the apostle Peter said immediately after receiving the experience.

"The promise is unto you, and to your children, and unto all that are afar off."

Pentecost is a solemn festival of the Jews celebrating the fiftieth day after the feast of the passover.

The feast of the passover is an annual feast of the Jews instituted on the night of the passing of the destroying angel over the house of the Israelites when He slew the firstborn of the Egyptians.

And was kept each year from the 14th day of Nisan to the 21st, but strictly speaking the passover only applied to the paschal supper, and the feast of the unleavened bread followed which was celebrated to the 21st. On the very day that the lamb was slain and the blood applied to the door post Israel marched out from under the Egyptian bondage, and became a free people: led and controlled by the Lord and on the fiftieth day after their departure was the great event of God on Mount Sinai giving them the law which completed their consecration to God as a holy nation.

And there begun the second great Jewish feast on the fiftieth day after the passover which was called the feast of Pentecost, that is the fiftieth day. (Pentecost, from a Greek word meaning fiftieth).

We are spiritual Israel and have been circumcised in heart traveling from the land of bondage of sin to the Pentecostal experience where we become able to receive the whole law of God.

The paschal lamb which was slain in Egypt on that memorial evening and its blood placed upon the door posts of the Israelites' homes are nothing less than a type of the Lamb of God that was slain outside the gates of Jerusalem on Calvary's brow for the sin of the world, at the celebration of the passover.

The slaying of the true Lamb of God fulfilled its part of the law and prophets and brought an end to the old covenant and He became our passover. 1 Cor. 5:7. And it is the sign of this blood upon our hearts that

we march from under the bondage of sin and are led by Him to the Pentecostal experience. On the fiftieth day after the passover on which His blood was shed for our redemption from the land of sin we find about one hundred and twenty happy men and women who have already bid farewell to old Egypt and have gathered around Mount Sinai to await the appearing of the law. And it is said of this people, "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

This great outpouring of the Spirit on this notable day completed the salvation of the New Testament and the establishing of the Church of God, as the giving of the law on Mount Sinai the fiftieth day after the exodus of Egypt completed the consecration of the Jewish nation.

Pentecost among the Jewish nation was a day of rejoicing and when the new covenant was made and the promise of God to the Christian nation was fulfilled it continued a day of rejoicing; speaking in tongues and magnifying the Lord. More than thirty three years before the Pentecostal experience was received at Jerusalem a child was born whose name was John and about six months later another child was born whom they called Jesus. At the age of 30 John began to preach in the wilderness of Judea for men to repent and be baptized for the remission of sin and there came to his baptism many Pharisees and Sadducees who had never repented and as he knew their evil thoughts, refused to minister his holy baptism unto them, and said, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3:7-8.

John realized that his mission was only to prepare the way of the Lord and that there was a much deeper experience than repentance for those who would follow on after it, and instead of warning his followers against it, as many preachers today are doing, he told them of the coming of one that was greater than he, and that He would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. Not many days after the baptism of Jesus as He was walking along, John and two of His disciples saw Him, and John said, "Behold the lamb of God, and immediately the disciples followed Him for John had told them that He was greater than himself and that

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WANTS PREACHER WITH TENT

WILLISTON, Fla.—I am thanking the dear Lord for victory in my soul just now. I am still saved, sanctified, and the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost still abides. I'm thankful for the way the Lord has blessed me while I worked in the Lakeland district this last year.

Some how, Bro. Self, our state overseer saw best to send me to Williston for this year, and I find some real true blue saints here at Williston and have learned to love them too. If there is some Church of God preacher that has a tent who will preach the true gospel uncompromising and wants to get in a ripe field, write me.—J. M. Bradley, Box 292, Williston, Fla.

Workers Busy on East Coast of Fla.

We have visited all the churches on the Miami district which includes the following churches: Ft. Pierce, Okeechobee, Riviera, Lakewood, Silver Bluff, Key West, and Miami. We found that the saints were pressing on with a determination to win for God and His church. At Ft. Pierce they have a nice little church house recently erected, out on the Okeechobee road. Brother R. L. Mixson, of Okeechobee, is now officiating as pastor.

At Okeechobee the saints are moving along nicely with Wilbur Hazelief of Bassenger, as pastor. Riviera is not a whit behind with R. E. Dryman officiating pastor. Lakewood is a new church but we have some pure gold there with J. A. Snyder as pastor. Silver Bluff (the pioneer church on the east coast) is on the upward move with W. R. Whidden as their shepherd. Key West, the island city, is trodding faithfully on with A. A. Carpenter as pastor. Miami is blooming afresh with the unwavering faith that she will fill her mission in the Magic City faithfully. The writer is officiating pastor with his wife as assistant pastor.

We have with us at present in this field as associate ministers and helpers, Andrew C. Jensen, Sr., W. H. Cross, M. L. Vaughn, Mary French, Brother Pierce and others. We are of the opinion that we have a band of workers that will make a mark for God and His church this year, which will be worthy of note. Our sole aim is the salvation of the lost world about us. We trust that each minister on the east coast of Florida will not leave a stone unturned this year, the opportunities are indeed great for the Church of God in this land of wealth and prosperity. Let us enter every open door. And to the churches we wish to advise that much depends on your co-operation as to the extent of our success this year. Remember our interest is mutual and a failure upon the part of a single member will cripple the work that much and the guilty party will suffer loss besides causing hindrances otherwise.

Your pastor is your servant but while this is true he cannot properly serve you unless he has your co-operation. See to it that you don't neglect his needs in anywise. Permit me to say

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Dist. Convention at Ravenna, Ky.

The Power and Presence of the Lord Manifested In a Wonderful Way.

RAVENNA, Ky.—The Church of God in the Ravenna District of Kentucky, met Nov. 28-30, Ravenna in our first district assembly for the new year.

Our state overseer, Bro. G. A. Fore was present and took charge.

Friday 7:00 p. m. the introductory address was delivered by the writer which was followed by many good things in response from the field by Brothers Tom Buford, G. W. Gamball and Dock Monds. The Lord wonderfully blessed and a large number came forth for prayer.

Saturday morning after songs and prayer Bro. Fore read the Scripture lesson at 1 Peter 2:1-14.

Bro. G. W. Allen brought the morning message from the subject, "Going On," which was inspiring to us to go forward, rather than take chances on losing out by sitting idle in the market place.

Bro. T. J. Lakes followed with the subject, "not slothful in business serving the Lord," using for a text, Matt. 7:21. Bro. Lakes spoke of the importance of making vows and that the devil will find out your plans for God's business without any warning and try to hinder, but doing the will of God is the way to obtain and keep victory over the enemy. All stood and sang, "Let Jesus Fix it for You," and we had a wonderful shower of old-time blessings, that ought to wake up any slothful Christian and make them feel like going on. Bro. W. B. Branham brought the afternoon message, using the subject, "Going the Bible Way," and he surely made us feel that we have found it as He pointed to some of the guide posts on the road, like justification, restitution, sanctification, the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire and divine healing.

This was followed by a sermon by Bro. G. W. Gamball on the subject, "A Greater Outlook." Bro. Gamball has some great plans for the future and all we need is the faith of Abraham to get up and move at God's command and great things will be brought to pass. At the close of the message the Holy Ghost gave us a message which inspired us to keep working for greater things than we have yet found.

The evening service opened with a red-hot praise service, conducted by Bro. Adin Birchfield, in which the presence of the Lord was great and many shouted, danced and talked in tongues to the glory of God, after which we listened to a wonderful address on the subject, "The Power and Extent of the Gospel" by Bro. Fore.

The first thing Sunday morning was Sunday school interest by Bro. Dock Monds and Sister Mary Bell. Bro. Monds says the Sunday school is the church at work.

Sister Bell spoke on the importance of early training which can best be gotten from the Sunday school.

Next, Bro. Fore presided.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. Nothing else a postal card telling here you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

Entered as second-class mail matter March 1, 1910, at Cleveland, Tennessee under the act of March 3, 1879.

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Your attention is especially called to the ad. elsewhere in these columns of the little song book by Brother Whit Denson.

This is a small booklet of special songs for special occasions as sung by the author and his children, who have traveled very extensively and their songs have been highly appreciated by those who had the privilege of hearing them.

There is only a limited quantity of these books and those who wish to obtain them should order at once.

Price single copy 20c, per doz. \$2.00.

We wish to express our appreciation of the kind letters of sympathy that we have received during the last few weeks when being very severely attacked by a gripe.

I am glad to say that the Lord has been very precious to me; prayers have been answered and I am fast regaining.

I am sure that our friends will take into consideration the hindrances and will look over us for not being able to answer all of the letters, and will accept this as an expression from our heart that my love for them is greater than ever before, and wish for them every success in their work and labor of love.

OUR CHILDREN ARE GOING ASTRAY

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I know that the Apostle Paul said that in the last days children would be disobedient to their parents, but there is a reason, it was also said that there would first come a falling away in the last days.

Must you and I fall away because the Bible said there would be a falling away? It was said that there would be covenant breakers.

Must you and I break the covenant because the Bible said there would be covenant breakers. When life's battles are hard it develops self control, stamina, restraint, will power and character but when there is smooth sailing, the soul of man becomes flabby, wishy, washy, easy, let things go as they will.

Our forefathers got up early and worked late and sometimes met before day to serve the Lord, and when they said, "son get up," it meant for them to move. The young men thought it a treat to be let off on Saturday afternoon to go fishing, but in these days of ease, joy riding, luxury, high wages, plenty and smooth roads to travel—the characteristic stamina of parents has become like a jelly fish that floats whichever way the waves beat, and when they get salvation that weakness still shows itself. Walking forces put determination into the soul, riding on balloon tires begets indifference and unconcern which at once shows itself by the many accidents and looseness in the homes.

Yes, you have been floating around in the great ocean of life and wildly battled against the angry waves, while your children drifted from you, you reached eagerly after them but they floated away and cared nothing for your tears. "Is there anything you may yet love?"

PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE

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He would baptize with the Holy Ghost and they began to follow on after the Lord that they might receive the blessing.

Jesus began His ministry with the same gospel that was preached by John the Baptist. "Repent! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17.

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

Doubtless Jesus made many more disciples than John for He had greater things in store for them in the future, that is the gift of the Holy Ghost, and after He had received a great following, on one occasion He was attending the feast of tabernacles at Jerusalem and on the last day of the feast as He was standing in the temple teaching, He cried, saying, "if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified). John 7:37, 38, 39.

This feast was probably in the latter part of Christ's ministry and it was time for him to begin to tell His disciples that they were to receive the Holy Ghost and we will notice in this Scripture that the Holy Ghost was not yet given at this time, although there were many believers but their salvation was not complete they had only repented and turned to God and was waiting for the Pentecostal experience that He was telling them they should receive.

And in another place He said unto them, "if ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John 14:15, 16.

At this particular time Jesus was more fully explaining to His disciples their spiritual condition, or acquaintance with the Holy Ghost, and who was to receive Him, He first gives them to understand that the world cannot receive Him, because it seeth Him not neither knoweth Him, we understand by this that folks who are of the world, who have never been converted, have no acquaintance with the Holy Ghost, therefore cannot receive Him. But to His disciples, He said, Ye know Him for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. When they repented of their sins and turned to God they had become acquainted with the Holy Ghost and He had been dwelling with them ever since but yet He was not in them, but He promised them saying, "He shall be in you."

Now I will undertake to explain the difference between the Holy Ghost being with us and dwelling in us. First I want the reader to clearly understand that the disciples had the Holy Ghost with them, but not in them, before the day of Pentecost, and they preached the gospel, healed the sick, cast out devils and Jesus told them to rejoice because their names were written in heaven, so in view of these facts we will all agree that they were good people and had been saved from sin, yet they had not received the Holy Ghost and did not receive Him until the day of Pentecost which we will mention later.

A part of the mission of the Holy Ghost is to convict men of sin, wash the soul and make it white in the blood of the Lamb, as a writer of Hebrews states we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and in a sanctified life and even regeneration the Holy Ghost is present and at times

through your tears, rise up in your strength, the strength of Israel is your strength. Do what you can, whatsoever thy hands find to do, do it with thy might. You may yet save pieces of the shipwreck. If the tree is nearly grown almost beyond your reach, go at it humbly, wisely, lovingly, seriously, undauntedly, prayerfully and you may yet joyfully partake of the fruit. They may yet return and you have the satisfaction that your prayers are answered and labor rewarded. But for the baby tree, the growing tree, the young tree, now is your

demonstrated on the body, yet He is not dwelling within. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Peter 1:21. We will all agree that the prophets of old did not have the Holy Ghost dwelling in them as we do now and as they received on the day of Pentecost, yet they were moved by the Holy Ghost and they wrote the Old Testament with Him directing them.

Simeon as recorded in Luke 2:25 was a just and devout man and the Holy Ghost was upon him, but He was not in him as the apostles received later, because the Holy Ghost at that time was not yet given as a free gift to dwell in men as it was afterwards. Now in view of the fact stated by Jesus in the above Scripture to His disciples, we would believe that they well understood how the Holy Ghost was present with them, and not in them, but at some future date He was to come and dwell in them, which we now understand was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. And we should also well understand from the same Scripture that when we are washed in His blood which was shed about fifty days before Pentecost we become acquainted with the Holy Ghost and He moves upon our bodies and will continue to lead us to the Pentecostal experience and take up His abode in us and dwell forever if we live so as to make Him a good home. After He had told the disciples that the spirit of truth was to dwell in them he did not fail to tell them of some of His benefits for he further stated, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

He is not only a Comforter but a teacher, and a reminder of the things which Jesus has taught before. And again He said unto them, "Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and he will shew you things to come. He is a guide into the things that are right. He is a revealer of the secret things of God and not only a teacher, guider, and revealer but He is also a talker, for Jesus in this passage of Scripture told His disciples who were expecting to receive Him in the near future, that He would not speak of Himself, but He would speak the things that He heard, that is the things that He heard from heaven. Now we all know what it means to speak, and we would naturally believe from what we can understand about the statement made by Jesus to His disciples that they were looking for the Holy Ghost to speak through them when He came, and for further proof that the disciples understood that the Holy Ghost would speak when He came, Jesus said, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26.

At this time Jesus used the words HE (Holy Ghost) SHALL TESTIFY OF ME." The word TESTIFY has great meaning, and much weight in the place it is used, I understand that if I should testify I would speak with my voice and say something, so doubtless the disciples were expecting Him to testify when He came, and when He did come we learn their expectation came to pass. After Jesus had been with His disciples for about three years teaching them many things concerning the kingdom of God, and many things of the Pentecostal experience, the time came when He must suffer for the redemption of the people, but before He goes to the cross He offers up a strong and prevailing prayer for His disciples as recorded in John 17, and in this prayer He confesses to His Father that His disciples are not of the world, but He said sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth, although they had already confessed Christ, yet they need that great blessing of sanctification which He was about to suffer for. Wherefore, Jesus that He might sanctify

the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Heb. 13:12. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once for all. Heb. 10:10.

After He had prayed for the sanctification of His disciples in verse 20, He adds neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which believe on me through their word: we will take notice here that He did not use partially toward His disciples but prays for all the believers to be sanctified.

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NOTICES

I would be glad to get in touch with some young man that wants to work in the state of Tennessee. Prefer one with evangelist license and would be glad to have one that can play an organ.

I want some one that will trust the Lord for everything and stay on the field. One that I can leave in charge of revival work while I go to my other appointments. My work is in the Copperhill district. — J. R. Thomas, Box 383, Lenior City, Tenn.

LENORA, W. Va.—A revival meeting will begin at Sterling, W. Va., Jan. 15, and will continue until Feb. 8 or longer if the Lord leads. We ask all who read this to pray for the success of this meeting and that mighty signs and wonders will be wrought by the Holy child, Jesus, by stretching forth His hand to heal the sick and afflicted.—L. G. Rouse.

NOTICE — LOST

I would like to know the whereabouts of Mr. George Bailey. The last time I heard of him he was in Virginia. He has black hair and large black eyes. I would love to know whether he is still living or dead. Anyone who knows of his whereabouts please write to Mrs. Janie Bailey, Lindale, Ga.

To all the members of the Lanier church and district: On Saturday night, Jan. 17, there will be a general roll call and conference.

Sunday night following will observe communion service and feet washing. All members expected, and all others welcome. By order of pastor, Samuel J. Wood, Dodd City, Tex.

I would like to have a good job of work, or a crop on shares, would like to be in the state of Florida. There are only three in my family; wife, seven-year-old child and myself. If you are interested, write Walter Lesley, Route 4, box 31, Liberty, S. C.

I will begin a revival meeting at Huntington, W. Va., February 14, 1925, at the Church of God tabernacle on 18th St. and 10th Ave., and will continue as long as the Lord leads, and request that all the saints everywhere pray that this will be a great ingathering of souls and that mighty signs and wonders will be wrought among His people, and that sinners will be compelled to believe on Him when they see that the deaf is made to hear and the dumb to speak; the lame walk; blind eyes opened and all manner of diseases healed, that they will believe on Him and will fall on their faces as in the days of old and cry, "Men and brethren what shall we do to be saved."—L. G. Rouse.

DIST. CONVENTION AT RAVENNA, KY.

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the subject, "Loyalty to God." Bro. W. G. Rembert spoke in the afternoon on the subject, "Laying Aside Every Weight," which was followed by a sermon on divine healing by Bro. C. S. McQuinn, after which many came for prayer and were blessed.

The evening service opened by Bro. Louis Harrison on the subject, "Steadfast and Unmovable," which was followed by a closing sermon by Bro. Fore. The convention was brought to a close by handshakes and good-byes.

Many said it was almost equal to the General Assembly, only not as many in number.—J. A. Muncy.

Soul Burdened for Sinful Race

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—I am praising God this afternoon for a full and complete salvation with victory over sin and Satan. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance, according to Acts 2:4.

I am a member of the Church of God at Harlan, Ky., whose teachings I dearly love, and I mean to stay in this good way until Jesus comes or calls. For a long time I sought the Lord and finally I thought there was no use to go to the altar any more, but the Lord saved me.

I feel that the Lord has called me to go out in the gospel work, but it seems impossible to me. My heart goes out after lost souls of men and women of this world. After considering the uncertainty of life and the experience of the past generations it ought to be enough to arouse everyone to be up and doing while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work. There are many precious souls passing out every day without God. Dear reader we should awake and try to herald this gospel to lost men and women.

God wants His children to be knit together with love. He wants them to be of the same mind and accord, but some seem to want their own way. Beloved, let's all obey God's Word; hold up the Church of God and stand together in unity. I mean, by the grace of God to be faithful to death, for Jesus said if we would be faithful to death He would give us a crown of life. Bless His dear name.

We should try more each day to be like Jesus. John says we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him, and again Paul tells us that this vile body shall be changed and fashioned like unto the glorious body of our blessed Lord.

It is truly wonderful to think of being transformed that we will even look like Him. Jesus prays that we might be with Him and that we might behold His glory. When mortality shall have put on immortality and we are caught up to the New Jerusalem, what a happy time when all the saints will go marching through the pearly gates. These eyes that was once dim with tears and afflictions will be enabled to look out with unclouded vision at the grand realities of the glory world.

Then we'll know that heaven in all its grandeur and beauty is ours. I am a girl, 16 years of age, I mean by God's grace to be faithful unto death. He said if we would be faithful unto death He would give us a crown of life. I mean to work for the Lord and see that no one gets my crown. Pray for me.—(Miss) Anna E. Orloff.

WORKERS BUSY ON EAST COAST OF FLA.

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just here that the church that merits God's favor is the church that is obedient to ALL the rulings of the Assembly (which is the Bible rightly divided as revealed so far). I have recently concluded that all our loyal members never neglect paying their tithes into the church treasury promptly as well as contribute in the offerings. We don't mention this as a rebuke

to any, but past experience proves the truthfulness of the fact. Souls are very precious, and many are slipping off into eternity without God. How dare any one block the way of the Gospel going to them.

In his admonition to the church at Corinth the apostle Paul said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye ARE NOT YOUR OWN? For ye are bought with a price! therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Selfish motives are a thing of the past now. Evil surmising has no room among us in this day of great need. But the love of God shed abroad in our hearts is that, that will make us conquerors in this great battle for God.

Our slogan is this "Back to the Bible in belief and practice." This is what the world demands to-day. Are we going to disappoint them? I say no, a thousand times no. With a hearty God bless you every one, we close.—Perry W. Hadscock, District Overseer, 467 N. W. 7th Street, Miami, Fla.

REQUEST

Please pray for me, I need help, I have failed to obey the Lord in some ways and am suffering spiritually, physically and financially, so ask God to rebuke the devil and help me to obey the Holy Ghost and win the victory. Humbly, D. F. Baldree.

Little Nora Stockwell, of Christopher, Ill., says, I have a request for a sick woman asking prayer from each and everyone when you read this.

Mrs. G. W. Martin, of Oliver, Ga., requests prayer that she and her family may be healed.

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Church of God Bears Bible Name

The Gifts Are Being Set in the Church, Signs Are Following Believers and Church of God People Are Persecuted.

Lawrence R. Opperts

I stand for the Church of God because it bears the Bible name. "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." Acts 11:26.

First, Who is a Christian? A Christian is a person that is Christ-like.

Where and with whom did Paul and Barnabas assemble? They assembled at Antioch, with the church, not churches.

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." 1 Cor. 1:1-2.

"For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" 1 Tim. 3:5.

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15.

"But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6.

We will first notice here in 1 Cor. 1:2 he first mentioned the Church of God and then we find Jesus saying, "sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth." Dictionary says to sanctify means to set apart for a holy purpose, or use, or to make holy. And Jesus said sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth, which is to make holy and to set apart, to preach the truth or the Word as it is.

Some preachers argue that the Church of God has such iron clad rules which matters they (the outsiders) do not know, and by so saying, they say God's way is too straight if the Church of God is the Bible church. Then they put burdens on men's shoulders which they themselves do not touch with their hands this is why they do not believe in the Church of God.

Because they, the opposers, bind burdens on men to teach their doctrine and will not endure sound doctrine, nor come to the truth or the light.

Again, I say the Church of God is one hundred per cent for the Bible, for the gifts are being set in the church by the Lord Himself. Signs are following believers and the Church of God people are persecuted more than any other denomination today, because they stand for the old time Bible holiness.

The church of the living God is the pillar and ground of the truth and it bears the Bible name according to 1 Tim. 3:15. Christ said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It was upon the solid rock Jesus (not upon man) that He built His church.

We find on the day of Pentecost where they received the Holy Ghost, through faith in Jesus' name.

We are His house if we keep His word and follow His government.

I am glad though once against the Church of God (being ignorant, not knowing the Scripture) I now see the Church of God in its beauty as a bride adorned for her husband, as the word says put on the whole armour of God, the real Church of God people should love one another as Christ loved them, and does love them.

Perilous Times are upon Us

BARNESVILLE, Ga.—I am still praising God today for victory over sin and the devil. I praise Him because He saw fit to pick me up out of sin and place my feet on this highway of holiness. I want to praise the Lord for this saving power and for sanctifying me and filling me with the Holy Ghost and for adding me to the Dear Old Church of God. I stand for the Church of God and for all her teachings and rulings. Dear readers, we had better stand for the Church of God on account of the time now on us. I have been tried every way a man could be tried, but praise the Lord I am still standing for the dear Old Church of God and I intend to stand for her until I die, because I know it is right.

I want to praise God because I found that I could be saved from sin, and I found in His Word where we could be sanctified. We find where He says that this is the will of the Father, even your sanctification. We find where Paul and Peter asked the people if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed, and they said that they hadn't heard whether there be any Holy Ghost, and they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost. We find in Acts 2:37-39 where it says that, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Pray for me that I may stand true.—E. A. Hilton, 320 Atlanta St.

A CHILD OF THE KING

MONROE, La.—I want to say I am still a child of the King, a follower of the Lamb, and am living a life free from sin and condemnation.

O, how sweet it is to lie down to rest at night assured that if Jesus should come before you rise you would be prepared to go with Him. Only a short time ago, the Lord looked down on me a poor sinner and saved me from a life of sin, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I ask an interest in your prayers for my sister and father who are yet in sin, that they may see the light on this way and turn from sin.—Mable Jackson.

Longs to Get Out on the Battlefield.

RAY, Ohio.—I want to praise God for the great plan of salvation. I am so glad for the privilege of attending the state convention at Middletown, Ohio. Oh, such love and power was there, it lingers with me yet. How my heart is stirred within me as I look out over this lost world and see the condition of things, so much false doctrine and deceivers going about.

It makes me feel like praying, "Oh, God bring us to the front." Help us that have been brought out of darkness into the great light of Jesus and had our eyes opened to His precious Word, to tell some one else about it. As I look out over this world and see the fields are white to harvest and the laborers are few, makes me feel like I will not be able to face Jesus and say, "I did my best." Oh, how I do long to get out on the fields and tell lost souls about Jesus. Pray for me.—Mrs. Edith Graves.

Building a New Church.

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.—I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord on this glad New Year's day. We are still on our job at Lawrenceville and have Bridgeport added to our list now, they are building them a church there at present and will have it completed soon.—R. A. Fielden and wife.

BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

WHICH WILL YE CHOOSE— SALVATION OR ETERNAL PUNISHMENT?

Romeo Frye

"For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Mark 8:36, 37.

Notice here, two things are contrasted. Not the gaining of the present and the loss of the future, for those who lose the future do not get the most out of the present. Nor, does it mean that in order to gain the future we must lose the present—for those who gain the future really get the best out of this life too.

Now, 1st John tells us something of the world, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Beloved, we see here that if we hate our brother we are a murderer and it is written a murderer hath not eternal life. Now, if Christ laid down His life for us we should be willing to lay down our life for His cause, and it is written that if we have this world's good and see our brother in need and do not supply those things that are needed, how can the love of God dwell in us? We all like to have plenty of the riches of this world and there is no sin in having plenty but if the love of God continues to dwell in our hearts we must do the right thing and be willing to help those who are in need.

We can go on and have a good time and enjoy the pleasures of this world and have what the worldly people call a good time, but then if we neglect salvation, what would the end be? It would be destruction or eternal punishment in the lake of fire. Luke 9:25.

"For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" So we see here that, if we would gain the whole world and lose our soul we would gain nothing, for in the end we have lost all. So let us turn from our sinful ways and serve God and do all the good we can to everybody in every way we can, for if we sow to the flesh we will of the flesh reap eternal punishment in the lake of fire which is called hell. But if we sow to the Spirit, that is, serve God according to His plan that He has laid down according to His Word we will of the Spirit reap life everlasting, which will be a life of joy, peace and happiness, where there will be no more sorrow, there will be no more heartaches. Beloved, who wouldn't like to go to a place like this? If you are troubled, down hearted, sad, or feel that no one cares for you; if your friends have forsaken you, and your soul is sick come to Jesus, give Him your heart, He can cleanse you from all unrighteousness through the blood of the Lamb, and He is abundantly able to heal your body as well as your soul.

Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." We see here that God is able to create man from the dust of the earth, and He is able to give us life. It is written that God breathed in the nostrils of Adam and he became a living soul. So we see that we have a soul. According to the Word of God, the value of a soul is worth more than all the world, so if we have any idea what the value of the world is, we can better decide the value of a soul, and according to the Word of God the soul is of divine origin.

Now God through His tender mercy and loving kindness through His only Son, Jesus Christ, came to this earth and was crucified on the cross of Calvary and shed His blood that

we might have eternal life. God paid a great price for us that we might be redeemed by His precious blood of His only Son, Jesus.

Surely the devil tries every way possible to destroy our souls, and we that have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, must watch and pray that he may not catch us in some kind of a trap.

We must serve God in word, in deed and in truth because if we do not serve God according to His Word we will in the end reap eternal punishment. Mark 8:36, 37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Truly life is too uncertain to put off salvation. If He is knocking at your heart, don't turn my tender loving Saviour away, for this may be the last time He will ever knock at your heart, Jesus is waiting and is ready to save you, accept the Saviour now, for it is written that, His Spirit will not always strive with man.

After the Spirit ceases to strive there is not one ray of hope, doomed for hell where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 12:20, "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Now here, beloved, we have a picture of a man that was very rich, that is, with riches of this world, insomuch that he had to tear down his barns and build greater so that he would have room to store away his goods, now he thought he was ready to enjoy life and have a good time, but listen, he had neglected the most important thing of all, that was, his soul, he had been careful about the riches of this world but he had neglected his soul. Listen! What did God say?

"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee."

Beloved, he went out into eternity unprepared to meet God, doomed for hell without hope.

Ah, don't be like the rich fool, get salvation today for this is the day of salvation, for how do we know but that our souls shall be required of us before this day is gone.

So then, it pays to be prepared to meet God, for if we come up before the great judgment bar of God to be judged, He will say, "depart from me, ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." So beloved, prepare while the opportunity is being extended, the Word says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all these things shall be added unto you."

1st Tim. 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Here the apostle Paul tells us that money is the root of all evil and we know that many have coveted riches of this world and have erred from the faith, have pierced themselves through with many sorrows, so it will be if we seek after the riches of this world, all will be sorrow and disappointment in the end. Eccles. 1:2, "Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

So then let us not seek after these things, but seek the kingdom of God and all these other things that we need will be added unto us.

This question I give to you for consideration, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"—A Bible student.

LOCAL NEWS

The Bible school is still gaining in number. Four new students have united with the school this week. We are glad to see them come in and help us enjoy the many blessings of the Lord. We are looking for our number to greatly increase by next term. d. v. We feel that good people are beginning to see the need of a good Bible

school to help prepare the younger generation for the ministry as much as possible.

The Bible school is almost in its infancy now, but, watch it grow by leaps and bounds if you and I and every other one will do our best for the school.

The young people's service was held in the school room last Friday night, many were present and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Our hearts were made glad because we were there.

Bro. Whittington filled his appointment at Oakey Saturday night and Sunday a. m., also at Kinser's tabernacle, Sunday p. m.

The regular prayer meeting was held at the dormitory Saturday night.

We are having some pleasant sunshiny days this week and at the same time the sunlight of God's love is shining in our souls.

We regret the school being so near the close of the term, as we are so interested in our studies, but we will just look forward to the next term when we hope to meet many more who are preparing themselves for the work of the Lord.

So keep this in mind and prepare yourself for next school.—H. L. Chesser.

I want to thank the Lord for the grand and glorious privilege of attending the Bible school. I can truly say that I am enjoying it and am delighted in the way the Lord is blessing. I have a desire to do more for my Saviour in the future than I have in the past.

This is my first term in the Bible school, and I am filled with God's Spirit and love and have a zeal to, "walk worthy of the vocation wherein I am called with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love; and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Oh, I feel the great power of God right now. He is with us every day in the schoolroom and when we gather together to pray, we generally have a feast from the glory world. We had prayer meeting last night in our schoolroom, the Lord sure was in our midst, also last Saturday night here at the dormitory we had a good meeting, almost every one in the room was dancing under the power. The Lord sure is good to us. I feel that we are here in training camp preparing ourselves for the battle against the enemy.—A student, Gertrude Newman.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Now that our present term of school is rapidly nearing its close and I have not said one word to you through the Evangel yet.

This has truly been a profitable term. The students have been faithful and prayerful and our great God has truly been with us to bless.

We have spent quite a little time in the school room in prayer and this is the reason we have had such victory and success.

Jan. 30th will be the close of this term and these faithful boys

and girls will go in different directions, each to his field of labor. Of course, we will be sad to have to part, but at the same time, we are glad we can go.

Only three more weeks, that will give all who read this plenty of time to go into some secret place and spend some time in real prayer to God for us and especially some of the students whose money is all gone and who have nothing to finish paying up the expense of this term.

There has been less need of help on this line than in any previous term, yet some of the students have said, "My money is all gone and I cannot pay any further." This makes us sad but we have arranged for them to stay till the close of the term and are trusting our great King to come to our rescue. Just a few days past we asked the school, "How many of you are coming to the next term?" Everyone one said, "By the help of the Lord we will return."

These precious ones are interested and are working hard, so after you have prayed until you have reached the throne of God for them, just do what He would have you do and we will be satisfied. God will be pleased. Heaven will rejoice, and you will be blessed till I will be surprised if you do not shout.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all who read this.—T. S. Payne, Supt.

Moving Onward to the Mark of the High Calling.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—I thank and praise God for His wonderful goodness to us here at Morgantown. The dear old Church of God is moving onward to the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. Pray that God will give us a church here and that we may strive to do more than we have done in the past.—Fannie S. Higgs.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Bro. W. D. Milligan, pastor of the Carvin church conducted the services.

The Lord blessed in giving out the Word each time. 8 were saved, 5 sanctified, and 4 received the Holy Ghost. Any church will do well to get Bro. Milligan to hold a meeting.—Toney Ford, pastor.

NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS

The time is at hand that all Evangelists should renew their license. Please send them in at once so that this may be completed. We are renewing them most every day, and we would be glad to finish this within the next few days.

Please place your home address on the back of your old license so we may make sure of getting the right address.

Remember that the license are sent from this office to your state overseer for his approval and signature, and if he deems you faithful he will forward license to you at once. If after a reasonable space of time you do not receive your license, please confer with us and we will investigate the cause of delay. F. J. LEE.

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Have You Spots in Your Life?

If You Will Ask God to Show You Your Faults He Will Help You.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity." Jude 12. Spots vary much in size, but if they be large or small, they mar character, and preclude full usefulness. All of them are impurities and signs of unholiness. Most of the noted saints, as God looked them over, had spots. Does He see any spots in your life? Let us be more careful how we live that we give no offense to any one.

How many useful lives are spoiled by only a spot. Let us look back at old Brother Abraham, his spot was deception, it brought a plague on Pharaoh and his house, and he lost his Christian influence to some extent. (Gen. 12:17).

No one can sin without affecting others. Is your whole life without deception? Moses' spot was hasty temper. Num. 20:10-12. Does your temper ever get the best of you? Do those who know you best have the greatest confidence in your piety.

Miriam's spot made her a leper. Evil speaking and criticism of the private affairs of one of God's children. (Num. 12). Is your tongue consecrated to God? Is it kept by the power of God? The Lord hears everything you say.

Achan's spot was covetousness. He and his family lost their lives, also thirty-six soldiers. Covetousness is idolatry.

Balaam had a spot though he was a prophet of the Lord. A preacher needing money, it looked as though he might make a little money on the sly and be true to God at the same time, as he was not paid, and lost his life among God's enemies. Our preachers may do the same if we do not support them, will we be blameless?

David had a great big spot though he was a man after God's own heart.

Are your secret thoughts as clean as you wish others to think your life to be? Do you harbor ill will against any one?

The elder brother had a spot. Luke 15. Is there any jealousy lurking in your heart? Do you stand up for the right? Some are so straight that they lean back and frown at the return of the prodigal. Is that you? Are you free from that spot? Martha had a spot, she was generous, loved Jesus, and entertained Him but secretly she wanted His praise for her good dinner. There are lots of Marthas but they only ask those to their house who are wealthy, and well dressed while the poor are turned from their door unnoticed. Martha too, was careful and troubled about many things, are you weighted down with these things?

Annas and Sapphira had a spot. They pretended to do more than they did, and it cost them their lives. Perhaps your spot differs from any of these but I'm sure when the fact is known, you have spots too.

But you can get any of these taken out if you are honest and will ask God to show you your faults. If we would be "with the Lord" when He comes we must stay where we can say, "Nothing Between."—W. P. Brooks.

TESTIMONY

WOLFE CITY, Tex.—I will send in a few words to the Evangel by way of testimony and to fulfill my promise. I promised the Lord that if He would heal me I would spread the news of His mighty power to the four corners of the earth.

I suffered for many years without any results from the doctors, when finally I was taken seriously bad of gall stone, and when the doctor said all that would help me was an operation, I rebelled at this, for I had undergone one operation that only lasted a short time.

The devil put many things in my way but still I could hear that still small voice, saying, "trust me." So I just cried and prayed until He heard and healed me. O, it's so wonderful, and yet so many know nothing about divine healing.—Tilda

EXPECTING GREATER THINGS FROM GOD

WHITE CLOUD, Mich.—I praise God tonight that the love of God is still abiding in my soul.

One new year's night, about three years ago, the Lord saved my soul. On Aug. 11, He sanctified me wholly and at the 19th Annual Assembly I received the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4.

He keeps me by His power day by day. We are living two hundred miles from a Church of God, but are having cottage prayer meetings and the Lord is blessing, we are expecting greater things from God.—Lydia V. Zaukelles.

W. R. M. FEELS BETTER

"Mr. E. J. Boehmer,

"Dear brother,

"Greetings:

"I have been feeling for some time just like I was one of those preachers Brother Lee spoke of in the Assembly as being doubtful as to which side they were on, and that is not a very pleasant feeling, so I have decided to send in my report.—W. R. M."

Sometimes the minister says, "I will not make my report this month because I haven't anything to report, I have been hindered by sickness," "I had to work some, therefore I haven't anything to report." "I believe I will just wait till I can get out in the field then I will report."

Brother when you decide as above you lay the gap down for a greater neglect, punctuality is the thing that will help to keep you inspired for the Lord's work.

I feel that each of us should report every month whether we have been very active or not; it shows that you are still loyal; it also shows that we haven't jumped the fence and gone grazing in other pastures.

I am glad to make my report, though I am right here in the office with the general secretary, I don't want to get out of the habit of reporting.

There is a place on your report blanks for remarks, if you are sick say so, if hindered otherwise say so.

We are anxious to keep in touch with all of our ministers. Your remarks might prove a great blessing to you through the prayer room.—F. J. Lee.

Healed at Arcadia Florida

I must tell what the Lord has done for me. I was a backslider, far out in sin. Sister Ida B. Armstrong and Sister Lula L. Jones were running a meeting here and I was sitting in the back of the church laughing and talking. Sister Armstrong was preaching that night and I was under deep conviction. I tried my best not to pay any attention but I heard one statement she made, which was, "Temper is the cause of many deaths," it impressed me very much as I had a very high temper. God called me that night, but I refused and said, "I will go tomorrow night."

The next morning, August 8, 1924, I was hit just below my heart with a base ball and when I tried to pray I realized that hell was my doom. As soon as possible I sent for Sister Armstrong and Sister Jones to come and pray for me and the Lord saved, and healed me completely, today I have the Holy Ghost and am doing my best for the Savior who has done so much for me.—Etta Mae Russ, Arcadia, Fla.

HEALED OF CANCER

McCRORY, Ark.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He has done for me. I promised Him that if He would heal me of a cancer I would tell the world of it, bless His name. For the longer I serve Him more truly I find, my Saviour is precious to me.

Some time ago, I sent a handkerchief to Cleveland to Bro. Lee and the saints to pray for me, and I prayed for some time before I could get faith to be healed but praise God He has healed me, for which I give Him praise.

I have been in the good old highway of holiness for about ten years and the way grows sweeter to me all the time.

I praise God for showing me the light on the Church of God, and now since I began to walk in the light, am on the heavenly bound train for glory. I want to ask all the saints to pray for me and my loved ones.—Francis

DISCOURSE DELIVERED BY F. J. LEE THURSDAY EVENING AT BIBLE SCHOOL

Number Three.

It is said that Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the Lord, also that he had a kingdom. See Genesis 10:10.

"The beginning of his kingdom was Babel." The margin says, Babylon, we also see that his kingdom was very extensive, reaching to Erech, Accad and Calneh in the land of Shinar.

While he was doubtless a great king in his day, his wife, the queen was also a very great and shrewd woman, you see her name here on the chart connected with Babel.

While Cain seemed to say by his actions "anything will do," here comes Semiramis with the same thought, yet she knows that it would never do to try to combat with the religion that Abel represented, and later represented by Seth and all true sanctified people who continue to follow the Word of God today, if she didn't organize, so she proceeded to organize everything that was in opposition to the true blood religion; this continues even to this day, there are many organizations that say by their actions "most anything will do," and fail to magnify the blood that sanctifies from sin. Paul speaks of some who walk, but are enemies to the cross of Christ.

Every organization that refuses to hold up the shed blood of our Lord, is among this number; every order, lodge or church, though they may appear on the surface to be good, if they reject sanctification they are of their mother which you may see sitting here on the beast of seven heads and ten horns. (See chart).

Some say that this woman represents the Catholic church, but I say, "not altogether," though she may be among the number, she is no worse than many others that I could mention.

I am confident that every order or church that will not accept sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost will line up and ally against the true blood religion, the fullness of the blessing, even the old Church of God. When they do you may see them sitting on the ten-horned beast culminated in one and supported by the Anti-Christ government. This may seem rather rigid in making such statements, but nevertheless the Word is simple and plain on this.

To my mind this is a very great thought and one that should attract the attention of every honest heart, that they might not be deceived and line up with something in opposition to Jesus and His shed blood.

I feel that the chart will help many to grasp this wonderful thought.

The tower of Babel was built in Babylon and Babylon means confusion.

The many hundreds of orders, lodges and churches that exist to-day, and every one having its own doctrine, could be nothing more than confusion, hence Babylon.

There are two Babylons spoken of or portrayed in Scripture, mystical Babylon and literal Babylon. The manner of destruction of each shows that there will be in the wind up two distinct Babylons. Literal Babylon will be destroyed in flames, and mystical Babylon will be destroyed by kings.

The Scripture that I have read in your hearing shows that Babylon was built in the land of Shinar, now, I want to also refer to the fifth chapter of Zechariah, you will notice in the first part of the chapter he is having reference to the curse which shall cover the face of the whole earth, thus showing that the tribulation will affect the whole earth; while it is true the main heart of the trouble will be in Palestine; it is like a wheel, first the hub, then the spokes reaching from the hub to the rim, so it will be with the tribulation, it will reach from the hub to the rim, other words to the "outskirts" of the world.

The sixth verse also refers to an ephah, which was a measure containing near one bushel.

You perhaps have wondered why we have this picture on the board, (pointing to black board) this represents a measure, and the woman sitting within the measure represents wickedness.

See verse 7. The angel said, "This is their resemblance through the whole earth."

This means that at the time this curse shall cover the whole earth, wickedness will have covered the earth also.

At verse 4 the statement was made that the curse shall enter the house of the thief. I believe that this thief is a special thief, a thief standing out very prominent above all thieves, doubtless this is the anti-christ, but he, himself, shall be cut off in the curse.

We notice that this ephah and this woman of wickedness after being covered with a talent of lead shall be borne away to the land of Shinar and there placed on its own base.

Talent of lead had a commercial value of so much, as did talents of gold and silver, then this talent being associated with the measure, doubtless has reference to commerce, buying and selling, which had come to such a stage as to be represented as wickedness by the woman within the measure.

There will be a cry against the rich man in the judgment, those who have hoarded their money until it has rusted or cankered, those who have held down the poor man and didn't pay him enough for his work, James says, "which is of you kept back by fraud."

While this is not just one man or two or even a dozen, but as all can see it is the combines, trusts, etc., that are formed to hold down the poor of this earth, until at the time of culmination none shall be allowed to buy or sell that do not line up with them.

This is commercialism formed under one head controlled from one center with a very wise man at the head and just by a touch of a button he can and will control the world. He is referred to as "the thief."

There isn't any wonder that the woman sitting in that measure is referred to as wickedness.

Now you will notice that the woman sitting on the beast of seven heads and ten horns has come all along the line from Babylon, Babel, Semiramis, etc.

This wickedness being represented by a woman in the measure, shows that it in some way represents mystical Babylon. Mystical Babylon is also closely connected with literal Babylon.

This wickedness is to be set on her own base. It is evident that this isn't having reference to Rome, because Rome sits on her base to-day, but Babylon has been removed, yet never to the extent that the prophecy has stated that she should be removed, she has never been removed as Sodom and Gomorrah, never to be seen again, but the prophecy relating to Babylon must yet be fulfilled, see Revelation 18. So in order to, be destroyed as the prophecy states, she must be replaced on her own base, this doubtless will be Babylon rebuilt.

While this thief is at the Zenith of his glory in so much that they make an image of him and set it within the temple at Jerusalem, his glory shall fall, Babylon shall go down in flames and the traders among the rich men will weep and mourn over the fall of the great city.

Then there will ring forth shouts in heaven, doubtless from the redeemed saints who have gone up in the rapture, saying, Alleluia; not satisfied to cease their shouts yet they again cry out "Alleluia" then the living creatures and twenty four elders falling down say, "Amen: Alleluia."

After this he heard a voice of a great multitude, and as the

IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

CHILDERS

Little S. A. Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Childers, passed to his home Aug. 25, 1924, at 9:15 A. M. He was 15 months old; was a precious little boy, and we will miss him, but we know that God knows best and that He never makes a mistake. He has clipped this little bud and placed it in some beautiful place in the glory land to help beautify heaven. He suffered much during the short life he had to stay on this earth but we know his pain and suffering are over, so we weep not as those who have no hope. Little S. A. leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother, sister, grandfather, two grandmothers and a host of relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Spring Place Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Margaret Latimer.

HADSOCK

George L. Haddock was born Dec. 20, 1903, in Alachua county, Fla. He became a Christian at an early age; received the baptism of the Holy Ghost Dec. 4, 1916. He lived a devoted Christian life all during his school days, proving true to Jesus under all conditions that surrounded him. He studied very hard to accomplish a finished education. He often remarked that Jesus was his truest friend.

George became ill Oct. 30, 1924, but his illness was of short duration, he passed to his reward, Nov. 10, 1924. Age 20 years, one month and ten days. Our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by S. W. Kerce and his body was laid to rest in the family cemetery near Alachua, Fla., to await the resurrection of the righteous.

Another one from us has gone, He's free from sorrow, pain and care; Has won a beautiful heavenly home, Composed of mansions bright and fair.

Our dear Saviour saw it best, To call him home, we know not why; He is safely there at rest, Where we never more shall die.

He has proven the promise, That is in the precious word; "Blessed are the dead, Which die in the Lord."

Yes, we know he is nappy there, Where no sorrows ever come; Let us faithful be, and meet him, In that beautiful heavenly home.—His sister, Mary Vaughn.

JONES

The death angel visited the home of Bro. and Sister John Jones, of Grey Eagle, W. Va., and claimed for its victim, their little boy, age 2 years and one month. It was hard to give him up but we know he has gone to be with Jesus and to rest in that home prepared for all.

He suffered much in this world but his suffering is all past. We hope to voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

With this I will close this lecture for to-night, hoping that it has been a benefit to you and will prove a blessing in the future days.

meet him some day when trials are over down here. He leaves to mourn his death, a father, mother, one brother and a host of relatives and friends. They trusted the Lord till death. Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Pearly Stepp. He was laid to rest in the Evans cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Little Robert you have left us, And we miss you in our home; But in that bright home eternal, We will meet to part no more.—Written by James Starr.

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